

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday August 16, 2021

Present: Richard DeRosier
Dustin Goutermont
Shane Hoff
Ben Bautch

Excused: Mayor Wade LeBlanc

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney
Derrick Passe, Lake Co Soil and Water District Engineer, left 7:08 p.m.
Ruth Koepke
Mike Ettel, via ZOOM
Kathy Koch, via ZOOM

Acting Mayor DeRosier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to approve the Agenda with additions of Part-time Summer Hire and Part-time Police Officer Wages. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to approve the meeting minutes from the July 28th Special Planning Workshop and the August 2nd Regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

Lake County Soil and Water District - E. COLI Sampling – Black Beach – Derrick Passe, Lake Co Soil and Water District Engineer presented information on testing for E. Coli at Black Beach. They currently test beaches from Duluth to Grand Portage and is asking for approval from the Council to include Black Beach area to program. Discussion followed on Cliffs giving approval, swimmer notification, keeping beach area open if E. Coli is present, and frequency of testing. Motion by Hoff, second Goutermont to allow Lake Co Soil and Water to add Black Beach to current E. Coli testing program. MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator –

Part-time Summer Hire – Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to approve hiring of Braylen Hoff for Part-time Streets & Park Aide at wage of \$10.50/hour and start date of August 17, 2021. Ayes- DeRosier, Goutermont, Bautch. Abstain- Hoff. MOTION CARRIED.

Part-time Officer Wage – Police Chief Kochendorfer has requested a temporary increase in part-time wages to full-wage due to current and possible upcoming vacancy in the Police Dept, leaving the Department short-handed. There was discussion on wage for experienced officers only, length of time increase would be, and making union aware of temporary change. Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve a temporary pay change from part-time wage of \$21.79 to full-time pay for experienced officers working fill in shifts while new officers complete training and for an MOU with the Teamsters Union to be brought forth at the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Liquor Commission Board Appointment – Liquor Control Commission is recommending the appointment of James FitzGerald to serve on the Commission. Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to approve appointment of James FitzGerald to Liquor Control Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

Electronic Meetings – Discussion regarding City Council ending State of Emergency and ZOOM meetings. There was discussion on requirements for publishing, use by the public, and benefit of having people attend in person. Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to end ZOOM meetings for Council and all other Boards. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to approve payment of \$39,077.71 in unpaid claims and \$65,427.86 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Attest:


Lana Fralich, City Administrator